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Control No. 152/55

MEMORANDUM FOR: Department of Commerce LCP Representative

FROM : CIA DCP Representative

SUBJECT : Soviet Attempts to Obtain Butadiene Plant and
Technical Data from the U.S.

CLEARANCES

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1. Permission has been granted to disseminate the attached reports to the Department of Commerce for BACKGROUND USE ONLY classified CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN/NO DISSEMINATION ABROAD.

2. It is requested that where CIA source descriptions or numbers are known, no mention of these be made in any further dissemination of this material. Please advise this Agency of the use made of the information contained in this report.

COMMENT

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3. The attached reports are transmitted as an indicator of continued Soviet interest in butadiene plants and processes. See [redacted] for previous Bloc attempts to acquire the above technical data. While U.S. authorization to ship this equipment and related technical data has been refused, it appears obvious that the Soviets have not given up hope of obtaining it from sources outside the U.S.

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Attachment: 1. [redacted] 8 May 1959

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2. [redacted] 22 April 1959

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